

AVP-AUL E-NEWS, February 2008

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I AVP-AUSTRALIA NATIONAL GATHERING REPORT

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BUSINESS MEETING 26/1/08

1 AVP-AUSTRALIA

1.1 AVP Australia National Contact

- The Business Meeting agreed that Malcolm would continue as the AVP-Australia contact person. He is happy to relinquish this if someone else would like to volunteer.

1.2 Timely Management

- It was agreed to examine conference calls and skype asap as mechanisms to facilitate more frequent discussion between the Australian groups. ACTION Heather co-ordinator
- A working group with representatives from each of the Australian groups would be formed with each group on that working group able to convene a meeting around urgent needs. Sabine has taken the responsibility to contact the groups to get names of representatives. AVP(NSW). ACTION Sabine
- Initial responsibilities - tasks to co-ordinate 2009 National Gathering and AVP-Australia national report for international use including to the 2008 International Gathering. Date for completion March 31 2008 ACTION National Gathering Working Group
- The information that funds are available within the Quaker Peace and Justice Fund. Groups indicated their interest to apply for funds for a variety of AVP purposes. For further information contact Bev AVP-Vic.

1.3 Liaison

- It was agreed to extend invitations to AVP facilitators from PNG, NZ, East Timor and Nepal to join the AVP-AU/AUL egroups. ACTION Katherine.

1.4 Possible future AVP International

- AVP (NSW) will consider an invitation to AVP-I to host the AVP-International Gathering in January 2011.

2 COMMUNICATION - wikis

- Meeting expressed heartfelt thanks to Katherine for the work done on the wikis and endorses their use for AVP facilitators in the region. ACTION: Katherine
- A link will be requested from the AVP-USA website and the AVP-World website to the Australian wikis. ACTION: Katherine.

3 AVP-AUSTRALIA NATIONAL GATHERING

- National working group will decide. The expressed intent was to have the NG'09 in Canberra. David took on the investigation to see if Canberra will host the NG'09 and a request for consideration may be extended to AVP-SA in Jan 2010. ACTION David & National Gathering Working Group

II AVP(NSW) ADVANCED FACILITATORS WORKSHOP

AVP(NSW) HIP will hold an Advanced Facilitators workshop on the Restorative Practices Influences on AVP Facilitation on Saturday 11 April and Sunday 12 April. The topics covered will include Restorative Practices and its influences on AVP facilitation, interacting with challenging participants, handling conflicts that arise in workshops, role-plays, debriefing and learning activity changes.

All Australian, and other, AVP facilitators are invited to attend. There will be at least one place offered to each AVP group, and maybe more depending on the number of applicants. Please contact Malcolm on avpsydney@avp.org.au if you would like to attend. The workshop will be held at Forest House School, near Central Station.

III AVP CANBERRA

AVP-ACT has now returned to the name AVP Canberra. The new AVP Canberra contact person is David Lance davidlance@apex.net.au.

IV AVP WIKIS

Five AVP wikis on www.wikispaces.com have been further developed to facilitate the sharing of information and AVP learning activities between Australian AVP facilitators. Over the next months all AVP-Australia facilitators will be invited to join the wikis. Membership will also be offered to our AVP colleagues in NZ, PNG and Nepal.

The new wikispaces are

- <http://avpactivities.wikispaces.com> - learning activities for AVP facilitators
- <http://avpauclearinghouse.wikispaces.com> - AVP information for AVP facilitators
- <http://avpnswcouncil.wikispaces.com> - AVP NSW Council information
- <http://avpaustralia.wikispaces.com> - public information about AVP in Australia
- <http://transformingconflict.wikispaces.com> - public access to Transforming Conflict learning activities (linked to www.transformingconflict.info)

To use the wikispaces

- Go to one of the web pages address listed above
- Log on with either your own Wikispaces username and password or - username - avpguest, password - affirmation
- Follow the links or search for your topic
- Look in the Recent Changes 'discussion' section for a list of the recent discussions
- You are invited to add your comments to the discussion option at the top of each page.

To join wikispaces

- Sign in & join with your username & password
- Confirm your email account by replying to the email received from Wikispaces
- Email Katherine to request connection to the wikis you would like to join.

V NEXT AVP/HIP SYDNEY NSW MANUALS

The next edition of the AVP/HIP Sydney NSW Training Manual and the first edition of the AVP/HIP Sydney NSW Facilitators Collection are planned for May 2008. All AVP facilitators are invited to review, contribute to and join the discussion about the draft materials.

<https://avpmanuals.wikispaces.com/Introduction+2+Manuals>

VI AVP-AUSTRALIA NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

Heather from AVP-Q has researched options for the establishment of AVP-Australia conference calls to facilitate national communications.

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VII AVP-I 2011 INTERNATIONAL GATHERING

AVP (NSW) will consider an invitation to AVP-I to host the AVP-International Gathering in January 2011.

VIII AVP IN NEPAL

Ken from AVP-Sydney and AVP-Alice Springs is now living in Nepal. He is starting an AVP group in Nepal. Subject to funding, three facilitators Aletia, John and Katherine from AVP-Sydney are planning to go to Nepal in April to

join Ken to run a series of three AVP workshops to train the first Nepalese AVP facilitators.

IX AVP-USA FACILITATORS LISTSERV

If you would like to join the AVP-USA facilitators listserv AVP-L contact <mailto:subscribe-avp-l@list.cornell.edu>>

X UPDATES FROM KENYA

If you would like to join an email group providing updates from AVP in Kenya contact Nancy NANCYSHIPPEN@comcast.net

Greetings all,

I am receiving frequent updates on the Quaker response to the violence in Kenya. A big part involves the AVP community and a great increase in requests for AVP. If you would like to receive postings from the African Great Lakes Initiative of the Friends Peace Teams and Friends United Meeting, please let me know or contact Dawn Rubbert at:

aunt dawn@charter.net. She is the AGLI person on the ground in St. Louis.

It has been fascinating and inspirational to have a first hand window on this work. Experienced lead facilitators who feel inspired can ask Dawn about going to help.

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